

Climatological Data for December, 1909.
DISTRICT No. 8, TEXAS AND RIO GRANDE VALLEY.

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GENERAL CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS.

The most remarkable feature of the month was the severe and protracted cold weather which affected the entire district. It was not only the coldest month of the year 1909, but also the coldest December on record; and in a large number of localities, especially in the upper Rio Grande and upper Rio Pecos valleys, all previous records of low temperatures were broken.

The precipitation averaged but slightly greater than the normal in Colorado and New Mexico, but there was a decided excess in Texas, due to unusually heavy rains in the eastern portion of the State. Practically all the precipitation over the upper portions of the Rio Grande and Rio Pecos watersheds was in the form of snow, the greatest depth in Colorado being nearly 5.5 feet at Cumbres. In New Mexico the snowfall ranged from 43 inches at Chama, in the northern portion of the Territory, to 3 inches in the more southern localities, the average depth being about 9 inches. In Texas comparatively heavy snows occurred in the northern half of the State on several days, the greatest amount reported being 7 inches at Crockett, but at the close of the month most of it had disappeared. In Colorado and New Mexico, however, the continued cold weather prevented the snow over the upper Rio Grande and Rio Pecos watersheds from melting, and the accumulated depth was much greater at the close of the month than usual, giving fair indications of a good supply of water. Much of the snow at the lower levels was not well packed, but at the higher levels the condition was generally good.

The number of days with .01 or more precipitation averaged about 6 in Colorado, 4 in New Mexico and 5 in Texas, there being 4 more or less well-defined storm periods at irregular intervals from the 2d to the 25th, after which date the weather was generally fair. Despite the rather frequent storms and severe cold there was a large number of clear days in many sections of the district.

TEMPERATURE.

The temperature was decidedly below the normal throughout the district. The deficiency was greatest in the interior and least in the lower Rio Grande Valley and on the Gulf coast, the average for the district being about 6°. The first 3 days and the last day of the month were warm, with maximum temperatures approximating closely those of previous Decembers. On the 4th cold weather overspread the district and it continued cold, with but little interruption, until near the close of the month. The severest weather occurred from the 15th to the 22d. During this period freezing temperatures, with heavy sleet, were recorded southward to the Gulf coast, and temperatures below zero, accompanied by a general snowfall, occurred in the northwestern portion of Texas, and in New Mexico and Colorado.

The 19th was the coldest day of the month and the lowest temperatures recorded were: -39° in Colorado at Wagon Wheel Gap; -33° in New Mexico at Estancia; and -6° in Texas at Mt. Blanco. The highest temperatures reported were 48° in Colorado at Wagon Wheel Gap on the 1st; 78° in New Mexico at Carlsbad on the 31st; and 90° in Texas at Falfurrias and at San Juanito on the 3d.

PRECIPITATION.

The precipitation over the Rio Grande watershed averaged about 1.10 inches, which was slightly greater than the normal. Deficiencies occurred, however, in a number of separated localities. The snowfall was heavy throughout the greater part of the mountains, the greatest depth reported being about 5.5 feet at Cumbres, Colo., and 3.6 feet at Chama, N. Mex. There was no snow over a long stretch of the valley south of Comstock, Tex.

In the Rio Pecos drainage basin the precipitation was slightly deficient, although there was an excess in several localities, mostly in the upper portion. The monthly amounts ranged from 0.12 inch at Fort Sumner to 1.73 inches at Windsors and averaged 0.62 inch. This was an increase of more than 50 per cent over the November precipitation. The snowfall was heavy over the upper watershed, the greatest depth reported being 29 inches at Harveys Upper Ranch. The least was 1 inch at Barstow in the lower valley.

The precipitation over the Nueces and San Antonio watersheds averaged very nearly normal, while those of the Guadalupe, Lavaca, Brazos, Trinity, Neches, and Sabine had a general excess, which was most pronounced over the 3 drainage basins last named, the excess over the Trinity being 1.24, and over the Neches and Sabine as much as 3.00 inches. The Colorado watershed was the only one in Texas with a generally deficient precipitation. The following are the averages for the various drainage basins: Nueces, 1.62; San Antonio, 1.95; Guadalupe, 2.36; Lavaca, 2.96; Colorado, 1.43; Brazos, 2.61; Trinity, 3.56; Neches, 6.69; Sabine, 6.66; and the coastal plains, 1.89 inches.

RIVER CONDITIONS.

While the Rio Grande and Rio Pecos were generally lower than during the preceding month, the other rivers in the district were considerably higher, the gain amounting to several feet in case of the Brazos, Trinity, and Sabine rivers. The Rio Grande was unusually low at Eagle Pass, nearly normal at Zapata, and somewhat below normal at Brownsville, but there was ample water for irrigation and other purposes.

Sharp rises of 10 or more feet occurred from the 1st to the 3d in the upper and middle Brazos and upper Trinity, and less pronounced rises occurred in the upper and middle Colorado. A second rise of 4 feet took place at Dallas from the 5th to the 6th, which brought the river at that place to within a few feet of flood stage. Timely warnings of these rises were issued from this office.

SNOWFALL IN THE MOUNTAINS.

The following reports of the snowfall in the mountain districts of the Rio Grande and Rio Pecos watersheds have been furnished by the section directors of the Colorado and New Mexico sections:

Report of Mr. F. H. Brandenburg, Section Director, Colorado Section:

The distribution of the snowfall up to December 31 was irregular and, as a whole, considerably less than for the corresponding period last year. The ground was not deeply frozen when the first snow fell, and it is likely that considerable moisture will be absorbed when melting begins. Continued cold and the general absence of high winds have been unfavorable to packing. The warm spell at the close of December, which caused considerable settling and some melting, put the snow at moderate elevations in a condition favorable for solidifying, but at higher altitudes, where the weather has remained very cold, the snow is still in a comparatively loose state.

In the region drained by the Rio Grande the snowfall has been greater than for the corresponding period last year, as well as greater than the average.

Report of Mr. C. E. Linney, Section Director, New Mexico Section:

Fairly heavy snow fell in the mountain districts during the closing days of November, and frequent snowstorms during December gradually increased the depth of snow. The unusually protracted cold weather during December, which was the coldest month for the Territory on record, prevented the snow from melting, and at the close of the month the accumulated depth was much greater over all the watersheds of New Mexico than for the past several years.

In the Rio Grande watershed the average for the valleys was nearly 10 inches and in the mountains 27 inches, 5 inches more than it was a year ago. In the valleys of the Pecos and Southeast watershed the average was 8 inches and in the mountains 16 inches, a material increase over last year.

TABLE 1.—Climatological data for December, 1909. District No. 8, Texas and Rio Grande Valley.

Stations.	Counties.	Elevation, feet.	Length of record, yrs.	Temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit.					Precipitation, in inches.					Number of rainy days 01 inch or more.	Number of partly cloudy days.	Number of cloudy days.	Prevailing wind direction.	Observers.					
				Mean.	Departure from the normal.	Highest. Date.	Lowest. Date.	Greatest daily range.	Total.	Departure from the normal.	Greatest in 24 hours.	Total snowfall unmeasured.											
<i>Colorado.</i>																							
Amethyst (near).	Mineral.	8,730	1	11.8		47	23	-27	19	48	0.14	0.05	2.2	4	14	17	0	sw.	Don C. La Font.				
Blanca.	Costilla.	8,403									5.05	1.35	65.5	12					L. C. Audrain.				
Cumbres.	Conejos.	10,015	3		10.0	40	13	-33	18	54	0.32	+ 0.07	0.12	6.8	3	15	12	4	Venita A. Good.				
Garnett.	Costilla.	7,578	16								1.22		0.51	19.5	9	17	5	9	Chas. Speiser.				
Hermit.	Hinsdale.	9,843									1.64		0.85	25.8	6	12	11	3	C. C. Mason.				
La Veta Pass.	Costilla.	9,000									1.64		0.85	25.8	6	12	11	3	Norvin R. Lively.				
Manassa.	Conejos.	7,700	3	11.1		47 ^a	31	-31 ^a	19	51 ^a	0.25		0.25	2.5	1				J. B. Chapman.				
Pistolero.	do.	9,675	2								4.33		1.18	53.0	12	18	6	7	Walter R. Hook.				
Saguache.	Saguache.	7,740													22	4	5	Eugene Williams.					
San Luis.	Costilla.	7,794	18	13.2	-7.8	47	31	-28	19	53	0.45	- 0.36	0.40	4.5	2	23	8	0	P. B. Albright.				
Wagon Wheel Gap.	Mineral.	8,434	10	6.6	-5.3	48	1	-39	19	61	0.94	+ 0.12	0.27	17.0	6	14	13	4	Ellwood Bergey.				
<i>New Mexico.</i>																							
Agricultural College.	Dona Ana.	3,863	43	38.0	- 4.1	68	1 ^f	3	20	43	0.48	+ 0.04	0.28	3.0	2	19	6	6	nw.				
Alamogordo (near).	Otero.	4,338	9	35.2		68	0	19	42	94			0.54	6.0	6	6	7	sw.					
Alamogordo.	do.	4,320									0.42		0.32	4.0	3				Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Albuquerque.	Bernalillo.	5,200	33			62	1	0	20	41	0.19	- 0.20	0.10	2.0	3	18	8	5	University of N. M.				
Amtzett.	Taos.	9,018									3.21		0.10	57.5	10	10	7	14	Geo. W. Oates.				
Ancho.	Lincoln.	6,112									1.37		0.96	17.0	3	15	0	16	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Aspen Grove Ranch.	Rio Arriba.	9,000									1.48		0.43	24.8	6	21	0	10	Junius D. Maupin.				
Bateman Ranch.	do.	8,900									1.06		0.26	17.0	7	16	2	13	John W. Bateman.				
Bluewater.	Valencia.	6,732	8	22.5		63	31	-17	19	53	0.80		0.32	8.5	8	12	2	17	Bluewater Develop'm't Co. Do.				
Bluewater Reservoir.	do.	9,000									0.52		0.27	5.0	2	10	11	10	D. C. Savage.				
Boas.	Chaves.	4,154		32.6		67	31	-9	20	46	0.32		0.32	3.5	2	19	6	6	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Capitan.	Lincoln.	6,348									0.43		0.22	6.5	3	13	12	6	U. S. Reclamation Serv.				
Carlsbad.	Eddy.	3,120	15	39.6	- 3.4	78	31	0	20	52	0.50	0.00	0.37	3.0	3	14	12	5	A. H. Harvey.				
Carrizoso (1).	Lincoln.	5,439	2															Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.					
Carrizoso (2).	do.	5,438																Frank C. Johnson.					
Chama.	Rio Arriba.	7,551	8	15.5	-11.2	46	2	-16	5 ^f	43	0.75		0.40	7.5	2				M. P. Coakley.				
Cloudcroft (1).	Otero.	3,650	7								3.32	+ 0.98	0.58	43.0	10	17	6	8	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Cloudcroft (2).	do.	8,650																Do.					
Corona.	Lincoln.	6,666									1.08		0.51	11.0	3	12	9	10	n.				
Coyote.	do.	5,800									1.62		0.84	6.5	4	16	2	13	sw.				
Cundiyo.	Santa Fe.	6,889									0.88		0.30	7.7	5	10	6	6	w.				
Demonstration Farm.	San Miguel.	6,800	1								0.16		0.09	1.5	2				F. A. Marsonares.				
Duran (1).	Torrance.	6,272																Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.					
Duran (2).	do.	6,272																Teofilo Villalba.					
Edison Mine.	Taos.	10,600																Erb and Westerman.					
Elk (near).	Chaves.	10	36.0	- 3.4	72	31	- 5	20	38	0.50	- 0.16	0.28	7.0	2	16	13	2	w.					
Escondido.	Otero.	4,014									0.30		0.30	3.0	1	11	14	6	sw.				
Espanola.	Rio Arriba.	5,590	13	26.2	- 2.6	59	1	- 1	20	42	0.37	+ 0.04	0.37	1.0	1	25	4	2	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Estancia.	Torrance.	6,140	4	19.4		53	10 ^f	-33	19	50	0.78		0.78	9.5	2	18	10	3	Agent E. F. McBride.				
Fort Stanton.	Lincoln.	6,231	30	32.2	- 3.9	72	31	-16	20	52	0.25	- 0.54	0.15	4.0	3	21	7	3	Agent N. M. Cent. R. R.				
Fort Sumner.	Guadalupe.	3,960									0.12		0.12	2.5	2				U. S. Sanitarium.				
Gallinas.	Lincoln.	6,635									0.60		0.40	6.0	3	26	0	5	F. A. Marsonares.				
Gallinas Planting Stat'n.	San Miguel.	7,500	3	28.8		65	30	-10	18	48	0.66		0.32	5.4	6	11	17	3	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Harvey's Upper Ranch.	do.	9,400									1.67		0.49	29.0	7	16	10	5	U. S. Forest Service.				
Hillsboro.	Sierra.	5,224	10	34.4	- 4.5	67	31	2	20	42	0.74	+ 0.06	0.24	5.5	2	20	6	5	Simon B. Warner.				
Hodges.	Taos.	8,484									0.88		0.27	11.0	5				J. M. Webster.				
Hondo Reservoir.	Chaves.	3,904	1	35.4		73	2	-14	20	46	0.30		0.17	3.5	2	16	9	6	Ralph W. Johnson.				
Hope.	Eddy.																	U. S. Recclamation Serv.					
Hopewell.	Rio Arriba.	9,500		13.0		40	30	-23	19	44	2.08		0.60	28.0	9	7	16	8	N. L. Johnson.				
Laguna.	Valencia.	5,840	5	23.8 ^a		56 ^a	1	-20 ^a	20	35 ^a	0.72		0.64	9.0	2	25	4	2	John T. Blanton.				
Lagunita.	Guadalupe.	4,500	5	32.4		67	31	-14	20	39	0.29		0.27	5.0	2	18	9	4	Gus Weiss.				
La Huerta.	Eddy.	3,111	1								0	20	0.46	3.0	1	25	3	2	P. A. Turnbull.				
Lake Valley.	Sierra.	5,415									0.60		0.24	12.2	5	17	9	5	D. Barclay Sutherland.				
Las Vegas.	San Miguel.	6,384	23	27.6	- 5.5	64	30 ^f	-15	19	50	0.44	- 0.19	0.17	4.7	3	20	9	2	Wm. P. Keil.				
Los Lunas (near).	Valencia.	4,900	18	24.6	- 8.6	62	2	-25	19	41	0.92	+ 0.43	0.80	8.0	2	15	7	9	Dr. Wm. C. Bailey.				
Los Tanos.	Magdalena.	4,919									0.36		0.26	4.5	2	21	3	7	Richard Pohl.				
Magdalena.	Socorro.	6,557	4	26.1		55	1 ^f	-21	19	40	1.18		0.60	14.2	3	19	10	2	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Mineral Hill.	San Miguel.	7,050	5								0.71		0.43	8.0	3	19	1	10	Wm. P. Pender.				
Monument.	Eddy.	3,500	4															W. M. Nelson.					
Mountainair.	Torrance.	6,547	7	26.0		57	2	-8	20	34	1.79		1.11	19.0	4	21	6	4	James M. Cook.				
Newman.	Otero.	3,939									0.61		0.30	6.5	4	18	9	4	John W. Corbett.				
Noria.	Dona Ana.	4,414									0.24		0.24	3.5	2	23	1	7	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Orogrande.	Otero.	4,171									0.82		0.36	6.5	4	12	8	11	Do.				
Oscuro (near).	Lincoln.	5,016									0.28		0.15	3.0	3	25	2	4	Eugene F. Jones.				
Oscuro (2).	do.	5,016																Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.					
Otis.	Eddy.	3,100									0.61		0.30	6.5	4	18	9	4	A. M. Hove.				
Otto.	Santa Fe.	6,200									0.25		0.18	4.1	7				Otto Goets.				
Pastura.	Guadalupe.	5,285									0.45		0.18	5.0	3	23	0	8	Agent E. P. & S. W. R. R.				
Red River.	Taos.	8,650	14	14.6		50	31	-27	19	46	2.26		0.52	32.0	7	18	5	6	Mrs. L. R. Penn.				
Rincon.	Dona Ana.	4,030	11	38.6	- 2.3	72	2 ^f	6	5	50	0.36	- 0.12	0.25	4.5	2	12	10	9	Chas. H. Raitt.				
Rio Grande Dam.	Sierra.	4,265		34.4	- 2.6	69	2	-3	19	43	0.22	- 0.27	0.22	2.6	2	16	3	12	U. S. Reclamation Serv.				
Rosedale.	Socorro.	6,910</td																					

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				Mean.	Departure from the normal.	Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Greatest daily range.	Total.	Departure from the normal.	Greatest in 24 hours.	Total snowfall unmelted.	Number of rainy days .01 inch or more.	Number of clear days .01 inch or more.	Number of partly cloudy days.	Number of cloudy days.	Pervailing wind direction.
Texas—Cont'd.																			
Alvin.	Brasoria.	49	10								3.21	-0.52	1.43	0.0	4	12	3	10	nw.
Anahuac.	Chambers.										2.13	-0.88	0.90	0.0	4	16	6	9	w.
Austin.	Travis.	650	23	44.6	-7.7	78	3†	21	20	39	1.80	-0.03	0.60	0.0	6	16	6	9	
Ballinger.	Runnels.	1,637	14	38.9	-6.5	81	3	3	20	41	1.16	-0.02	0.50	2.0	3	17	5	9	n.
Barstow.	Ward.	2,573	2	42.4		88	1	3	20	60	0.75		0.62	1.0	3	21	3	7	w.
Besumont.	Jefferson.	39	12	51.8		80	4†	21	19	35	5.17	+1.95	1.87	0.0	6	10	0	21	n.
Beeville.	Bee.	225	13	51.4	-3.2	84	3	28	20	38	2.32	+0.59	0.75	0.0	7	12	7	12	n.
Big Springs.	Howard.	2,396	7	39.4		77	3	-3	20	38	0.64		0.26	4.0	3	20	4	7	s.
Blanco.	Blanco.	1,350	13	42.2	-6.7	83	3	19	20	45	2.80	+1.10	0.80	1.0	8	19	6	6	n.
Boerne.	Kendall.	1,412	17	46.3	-2.9	81	3	23	19	46	2.76	+0.68	0.15	0.0	7	8	7	16	n.
Booth.	Fort Bend.	81	8								2.52		0.52	0.0	10	17	0	14	n.
Boquillas.	Brewster.																		
Bowie.	Montague.	1,113	9	38.2	-7.5	77	3	3	20	43	1.02		0.49	5.3	4	19	3	9	n.
Brasoria.	Brazoria.	35	20	53.2	-2.8	82	14	25	26	41	3.01	-0.38	0.85	0.0	11	16	4	11	n.
Brasos.	Palo Pinto.	801		45.6	-8.5	80	3	32	20	41	4.88	+1.30	1.87	0.0	10	14	3	14	n.
Brenham.	Washington.	350	20																
Bridgeport.	Wise.	754																	
Britton.	Nueces.	12	13	52.7	-2.7	81	3	32	19†	41	1.51	+0.20	1.09	0.0	3				nw.
Brownsville.	Cameron.	38	20	58.2	-3.3	85	2	33	20	32	2.10	+0.65	1.09	0.0	8				n.
Brownsville.	Brown.	1,342	19	38.8	-7.3	79	2	7	20†	53	0.80	-0.97	0.55	2.0	5	17	7	7	n.
Cameron.	Milan.			43.0		80	5	19	20	48	3.20		0.90	0.0	7	22	6	3	n.
Carmona.	Polk.	1	45.2			81	3†	20	21	42	7.42		3.48	0.0	9	18	3	10	n.
Claytonville.	Fisher.	2,100	5	36.2		77	3	3	21	42	0.35		0.35	3.5	1	15	11	5	s.
Coleman.	Coleman.	1,710	15	35.0b		85°	3	8°	20	49°	0.41	-0.75	0.21	2.0					
Colorado.	Mitchell.	2,066	15	38.2c	-9.5	78°	31	13°	5†	51°	0.86	+0.08	0.08	5.0	2				
Columbia.	Brasoria.	34	20	50.4	-5.2	84	4	25	26	39	2.84	-0.36	0.81	0.0	8	18	5	8	n.
Columbus.	Colorado.	206	5								4.04		1.82	0.0	8	12	5	14	n.
Comstock.	Val Verde.			44.2		75	3	21	19	37	0.64		0.34	1.0	3	22	2	7	se.
Corpus Christi.	Nueces.	20	22	53.6	-3.0	80	3	30	20	32	0.90	-0.42	0.46	0.0	7	10	7	14	n.
Corriacana.	Navarro.	445	20	40.8	-8.4	78	3†	14	20†	42	3.77	+1.26	1.80	2.0	9	19	1	11	nw.
Crockett.	Houston.	350	5	45.0		81	4	19	20	42	4.86		1.20	7.0	9	18	3	10	s.
Cuero.	DeWitt.	177	20	50.7	-3.5	88	4	24	20	51	2.22	-0.14	1.05	0.0	7	16	0	15	n.
Dallas.	Dallas.	466	20	38.2	-4.4	79	3†	8	20†	57	2.58	+0.24	1.12	3.0	8	18	0	13	n.
Danevang.	Wharton.	145	13	52.6d		81	4	18°	20	40°	1.65	-2.36	0.70	0.0	3	15	7	9	n.
Decatur.	Wise.	1,047	3	46.3c		71	31	26	5†	32	1.55		0.60	5.5	4	26	2	3	se.
Del Rio.	Val Verde.	952	3	47.0	-5.4	82	4	26	19	45	1.14	-0.42	0.56	0.0	7	17	6	8	se.
Dialville.	Cherokee.	575	11	43.1		78	4	16	20	43	5.94	+0.67	3.20	0.0	7				
Dublin.	Erat.	1,468	14	40.2	-6.8	74	3	14	20	36	2.05	+0.45	0.80	3.5	5	10	15	6	n.
Duval.	Travis.	820	20	46.2	-5.9	77	3†	20	20	41	2.50	+0.13	0.97	1.0	6	19	0	12	n.
Eagle Pass.	Maverick.	800	20	50.7	-2.4	86	4	25	16	40	0.60	-0.33	0.40	0.0	5	8	16	7	n.
Edna.	Jackson.										2.46		0.58	0.0	7				
El Paso.	El Paso.	3,762	30	40.4	-4.4	69	2	11	20	38	0.50	+0.04	0.41	4.1	3	13	13	5	nw.
Encinal.	La Salle.	1	52.0			88	4	28	16	46	1.94		1.52	0.0	3	10	11	10	n.
Fairland.	Burnet.			44.3		77	4†	17	20	42	1.43		0.74	1.0	6	19	5	7	n.
Fairhurst.	Starr.	2		54.8		90	3	28	13	50	0.95		0.80	0.0	4	16	2	13	nw.
Flatonia.	Fayette.	465	1	48.6		83	3	21	20	38	3.15		1.24	1.0	3	17	2	12	n.
Fort Clark.	Kinney.	1,050	22	45.2	-3.9	80°	3	21	18	40°	1.26	+0.15	0.62	0.0	6	14	17	17	w.
Fort McIntosh.	Webb.	460	23	54.5	+1.6	89	4	29	16	45	1.26	+0.15	0.62	0.0	6	14	12	3	n.
Fort Stockton.	Pecos.	3,050	4	44.1	-1.7	83	31	8	20	51	0.90	+0.18	0.63	2.7	4	13	11	7	ne.
Fort Worth.	Tarrant.	670	14	39.4	-8.1	77	31	9	20	35	2.81	0.20	1.56	3.0	5	17	8	16	nw.
Fredericksburg.	Gillespie.	1,742	20	43.5	-6.1	76	3	18	19†	37	0.94	-0.73	0.42	2.0	4	8	7	16	n.
Gainesville.	Cooke.	738	20	35.6	-10.0	72	3	4	20	33	2.18	+0.08	0.50	6.5	3	10			
Galveston.	Galveston.	69	39	52.4	-3.9	76	3	31	20	42	2.51	-1.22	0.33	0.0	9	11	10	10	sc.
Gateville.	Coryell.	795	5	41.4		75	4†	14	20	40	2.20		0.90	0.0	4	14	17	0	
Georgetown.	Williamson.	750	14	41.6	-7.9	78	3	18	20	49	1.93	-0.43	0.68	0.8	9	17	3	11	n.
Gonzales.	Gonzales.	299	4			67	4	6†	21	37	3.03		0.85	0.0	9	16	0	15	n.
Graham.	Young.	1,040	5	36.6c							0.77		6.5	3	23	1	7	n.	
Grandfalls.	Ward.																		
Grapevine.	Tarrant.	670	19	39.6d	-8.2	76d	3	9d	20	33d	3.56	+1.52	1.65	4.0	6	10d	9d	8d	n.
Greenville.	Hunt.	550	9	37.8		76	4	10	20	41	3.95		1.95	5.0	5	15	0	16	n.
Hallettville.	Lavaca.	235	18	49.1	-4.1	81	3	26	20	33	3.46	+0.95	1.21	T.	4	13	8	10	s.
Haskell.	Haskell.	4,013	18	35.8	-8.9	79	3	-3	20	43	0.97	-0.18	0.60	3.7	3	17	4	10	n.
Hebronville.	Duvel.										1.14		0.89	0.0	2	12	3	16	n.
Hempstead.	Waller.	254	5								3.38		0.85	0.0	5	12	3	12	n.
Henderson.	Rusk.										7.79		3.75	1.5	9	16	3	12	n.
Hewitt.	McLennan.	664	14								3.05	+1.40	0.92	0.8	6	6			
Hillsboro.	Hill.	628	17	43.3		74	2†	12	20	48									
Hondo.	Medina.	901	7	47.6		79	1	23	20	38	1.48		0.80	0.0	4	12	13	6	n.
Houston.	Harris.	53	20	49.4	-4.6	80	4	25	20	35	2.32	-0.77	0.71	T.	9	10	11	10	n.
Hubbard.	Hill.	638																	
Huntsville.	Walker.	400	21	43.4	-9.1	79	3†	21	20	42	4.00	+1.15	1.42	0.0	8	13	0	18	n.
Jewett.	Leou.	496	5	41.2		80	3†	18	20†	46	3.37		0.87	5.0	6	20	4	7	n.
Junction.	Kimble.	1,645	7	39.7		74	3	13	20	42	3.43		1.11	1.8	8	15	6	10	n.
Kaufman.	Kaufman.	443	10	40.4	-7.8	77	4	9	20	30	5.04	+1.76		2.0					

TABLE 1.—*Climatological data for December, 1909. District No. 8—Continued.*

Stations.	Counties.	Elevation, feet.	Length of record, yrs.	Temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit.					Precipitation, in inches.					Sky.	Prevailing wind direction.	Observers.				
				Mean.	Departure from the normal.	Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Greatest daily range.	Total.	Departure from the normal.	Greatest in 24 hours.	Total snowfall unmeasured.	Number of rainy days, 0.1 inch or more.	Number of partly cloudy days.	Number of clear days.	Number of cloudy days.		
Texas—Cont'd.																				
Panter.	Hood.	1,000	19								3.84	+ 1.84	1.33	4.0	6				E. H. Snider.	
Pierce.	Wharton.	3	46.0		77	3	32	20	33		2.05	1.10	0.0	3	10	11	10		R. B. Pointer.	
Plainview.	Hale.	3,370	1	33.6		77	31	— 4	20	46	0.27	0.12	3.0	4	17	6	8	w.	J. F. Sander.	
Port Lavaca.	Calhoun.	20	8	52.2 ^b		83	4	27 ^d	20	36 ^d	2.02	0.92	T.	3	13	8	10	n.	J. H. Bickford.	
Ricardo.	Nueces.			55.2		87	3	30	13 ^c	40	1.20	0.47	0.0	5	17	6	8	n.	Lindsay Waters.	
Riverside ^g .	Walker.	169	5								6.55	1.80	0.0	7	16	0	15	n.	Mrs. C. W. Higdon.	
Robert Lee ^g .	Coke.	1,850	1	38.3		80	3	3	20	44	0.73	0.40	2.5	3	15	8	8	n.	H. D. Pearce.	
Rockland ^g .	Tyler.	136	5								6.13	2.40	0.0	6	15	3	13	n.	D. W. Bellamy.	
Roswell.	Atascosa.	558	2	49.4		83	3	20	19	36	1.79	0.87	0.0	6	14	8	9	n.	W. F. M. Ross.	
Runge.	Karnes.	308	14								1.71	— 0.53	1.47	0.0	2				Reiffert & Frobose.	
Sabinal.	Uvalde.	984	5	50.0		83	4	24	20	48	1.43	0.84	0.0	4	14	4	13	n.	Jas. Johnston.	
San Angelo.	Tom Green.		1	40.6		79	3	6	20	44	1.15	0.60	2.0	3	20	5	6	sw.	C. W. Goff.	
San Antonio.	Bexar.	701	24	47.9	— 5.2	81	3	24	20	35	1.38	0.18	0.80	0.0	8	12	8	11	n.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
San Augustine.	San Augustine.			44.2		79	4	19	21	38	6.70		2.00	0.0	9	13	9	9	n.	F. A. Wilson.
San Juanita ^g .	Hidalgo.			57.4		90	3	30	26	44	1.01	0.42	0.0	5	5	6	20	n.	J. B. McAllen.	
San Marcos ^g .	Hayes.	588	16	44.8	— 7.6	79	4	23	20	43	2.50	+ 0.99	0.80	0.0	7	17	0	14	n.	Miss L. C. Ford.
San Saba.	San Saba.	1,712	5	41.2		77	3 ^c	9	20	46	1.99	0.78	0.1	7	23	1	7	n.	Jas. Burns.	
Santa Gertrudes.	Nueces.		7								1.05	1.05	0.0	1					J. B. Wright, Jr.	
Seymour.	Baylor.	1,180	3	38.2		77	31	4	20	38	0.55	0.15	2.5	4	20	2	9	n.	F. M. Deaver.	
Somerville.	Burleson.	251		47.4		83	3	21	28	45	2.69		1.05	0.8	8	0	23	n.	W. A. Dolan.	
Sonora.	Sutton.	2,200	6	41.0 ^e		78 ^c	3	7 ^c	20	44 ^c	0.85 ^c	0.30	0.0 ^c	3 ^c	5 ^c	14 ^c	5 ^c	s. s.	Mike Murphy.	
Sugarland.	Fort Bend.	79	11	49.8 ^a		80	2 ^c	27 ^c	20	43 ^c	2.28	— 0.80	0.65	0.0	6	12	9	10	n.	O. M. Bakke.
Taylor.	Williamson.	583	8	43.4	— 7.2	80	3	20	20	37	1.66	— 0.96	0.62	0.0	9	17	4	10	n.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
Temple.	Bell.	630	15	41.0	— 8.6	77	3 ^c	10	20	42	2.74	— 0.21	0.95	T.	5	21	0	10	w.	W. B. Tyer.
Tilden.	McMullen.		3	51.2 ^e		89 ^c	3	24 ^c	13 ^c	48 ^c	1.84	0.75	0.0	7	9 ^c	10 ^c	9 ^c	ne.	Wm. Kuykendall.	
Uvalde.	Uvalde.	937	1	49.0		83	4	24	13 ^c	48 ^c	1.26		0.93	0.0	3	16	5	10	n.	F. M. Getzendaner.
Valley Junction ^g .	Robertson.	289	4								5.60		1.60	0.0	7	15	3	13	n.	T. M. Williams.
Victoria ^g .	Victoria.	187	11	50.6	— 5.2	83	3	26	20	35	2.23	+ 0.12	1.00	0.0	5	17	1	13	n.	C. C. Zirjacks.
Waco ^g .	McLennan.	424	20	41.0	— 9.9	78	4	15	20	42	4.69	+ 2.39	2.20	1.5	5	15	0	16	n.	E. H. Hall.
Waxahachie ^g .	Ellis.	556	13	38.0	— 7.9	79	3	9	20 ^c	47	3.87	+ 1.39	2.00	1.2	7	17	4	10	s.	C. D. Longsorre.
Weatherford ^g .	Parker.	884	20	38.0	— 9.7	75	3	10	20	36	6.43	+ 4.64	3.58	3.7	5	18	3	10	s.	Miss J. Stickfort.
Wharton ^g .	Wharton.	105	7	49.3		82	3	26	20 ^c	44	2.02		0.50	0.0	6	15	1	15	n.	Mrs. F. M. Hughes.
Wills Point.	Van Zandt.	524	4	39.6		71	3	11	20	33	6.23		1.85	1.0	8	10	1	20	n.	W. W. Gibbard.
Zapata	Zapata.			55.2		87	4	29	16	46	0.63		0.34	0.0	4	13	3	15	n.	F. H. Earnest.

^a Precipitation included in that of the next measurement.^b Temperature extremes are from observed readings of the dry-bulb; means are computed from observed readings.^c Also on other dates.^d Data are from standard instruments not supplied by the U. S. Weather Bureau.^e Instruments are read in the morning; the maximum temperature then read is charged to the preceding day, on which it almost always occurs.^f Estimated by observer.^g Precipitation for the 24 hours ending on the morning when it is measured.

1. Precipitation is less than 0.01 inch rain or melted snow.

*, †, ‡, etc., indicate, respectively, 1, 2, 3, etc., days missing from the record.

TABLE 2.—*Daily precipitation for December, 1909. District No. 8, Texas and Rio Grande Valley.*

TABLE 2.—*Daily precipitation for December, 1909. District No. 8—Continued.*

Stations.	River basins.	Day of month.																														Total.				
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
Texas—Cont'd.																																				
Big Springs.	Colorado	.20			T.	.80													T.	.20	.26													0.84		
Blanco	Guadalupe			1.15																.50	.60													2.80		
Boerne.	San Antonio	.24	.03			.42						.20	.01						T.	.75	.05													2.76		
Booth	Brasos																			.03	.52	.48	.18											2.32		
Boquillas.	Rio Grande																																			
Bowie.	Trinity	.06				.52															.85	.08	.50	.10										1.02		
Brazoria.	Brazos	.06																																		
Brasos .	do.	.14	.43			.98																													2.73	
Brenham .		.14				.53																													4.85	
Bridgeport .	Trinity	.50																																	1.49	
Brighton.	Coast	.19																																	1.51	
Brownsville.	Rio Grande	.44																	T.	.08	.09	.02											2.10			
Brownwood .	Colorado	.05																																	0.80	
Cameron .	Brazos	.90																																	3.20	
Carmona.	Neches	.45		1.06	T.	T.																												7.42		
Claytonville.	Brasos																																		0.35	
Coleman.	Colorado																																		0.41	
Colorado.	do.																																		0.86	
Columbia.	Brazos	.08																	T.	.81	.22													2.84		
Columbus .	Colorado	.30				.46																												4.04		
Comstock.	Rio Grande																																		0.64	
Corpus Christi.	Coast	.10																	T.	.17	.27													0.90		
Corsicana .	Trinity	.32				.55																												3.77		
Crockett.	do.	.75				.90	.01												T.	.81	.11												4.86			
Cuero .	Guadalupe	.02																																	2.22	
Dallas .	Trinity	.03	1.10																															2.58		
Danevang.	Coast	.55																	T.															1.65		
Decatur.	Trinity	.60																																	1.55	
Del Rio.	Rio Grande																																		1.14	
Diaville.	Neches	.85		.01															T.	.30														5.94		
Dublin .	Brazos	.50		.40															T.															2.05		
Duval.	Colorado	T.	.57																															2.50		
Eagle Pass.	Rio Grande	.05																																0.60		
Edna.	Levaca	.53																																2.46		
El Paso.	Rio Grande		T.																															0.56		
Encinal.	Nueces																																	1.94		
Fairland.	Colorado	.25																	T.	.18														1.43		
Falfurrias.	Coast		T.																															0.95		
Flatonia.	Guadalupe	.55																																3.15		
Fort Clark .	Rio Grande																																			
Fort McIntosh.	Pecos																																			1.26
Fort Stockton.	Trinity	1.28																	T.	T.	.02	.10	.15	T.	T.								0.90			
Fort Worth.	Colorado																																		2.81	
Fredericksburg.	Trinity	.33	.28			.05													T.	.01														0.94		
Gainesville.	Brasos	.62																	T.	.83	T.	.02	.03										2.18			
Galveston.	Coast	.10	.18	T.																														2.51		
Gatesville.	Brasos	.50																																2.20		
Georgetown .	Brasos	.02				.68	.01																										1.93			
Gonzales .	Guadalupe	.69																	T.	.30	.11												3.03			
Graham.	Brazos																		T.															1.42		
Grandfalls.	Pecos																		T.															3.56		
Grapevine.	Trinity	* 1.65																																3.95		
Greenville .	Sabine	.75																	T.	.35														3.46		
Hallettsville.	Lavaca	.74																T.	1.01	T.													0.97			
Haskell.	Brazos																		T.															0.97		
Hebronville.	Coast	.85																																1.14		
Hempstead .	Brazos	.73																																3.38		
Henderson.	Neches	1.10			.64	.05													T.	3.75	.10												7.79			
Hewitt.	Brazos	T.	.92																T.	.40														3.05		
Hillboro.		.71																T.																		
Hondo.	Nueces		T.																T.	.10															1.48	
Houston.	Coast		T.	.34																																

TABLE 2.—*Daily precipitation for December, 1909. District No. 8—Continued.*

TABLE 3.—Maximum and minimum temperatures at selected stations December, 1909. District No. 8, Texas and Rio Grande Valley.

Texas.